

Two Cities, One Deadly Year

In 2011, a year that saw a rise in homicides on the streets of Philadelphia and Camden, there continued to be widely disproportionate numbers when examining the race of the victims and the neighborhoods in which the crimes occurred.

Philadelphia had 318 homicides in 2011, an increase of 12 from the previous year. In Camden, which in January laid off nearly half of its police force, homicides rose by 29 percent, from 38 victims in 2010 to 49.

When adjusting for population, Camden's homicide rate last year was three times higher than Philadelphia's. There were 6.3 homicides in Camden per 10,000 residents in 2011, compared with 2.1 in Philadelphia. But three Philadelphia neighborhoods had a homicide rate that exceeded Camden's: Allegheny West, North Philadelphia/West, and Point Breeze.

Black men continued to bear an outsized share of homicide victims. In Philadelphia, black men account for less than 15 percent of the population but 75 percent of homicide victims.

Explore the Data Online

An interactive map showing the location of every homicide since 1988, searchable by name, age, race, sex, and weapon used, can be found at

www.philly.com/homicidemap



With your phone's QR code reader, capture the grid on the left so that it fills the screen to access the interactive map.

Homicides in Philadelphia and Camden in 2011

Weapon used

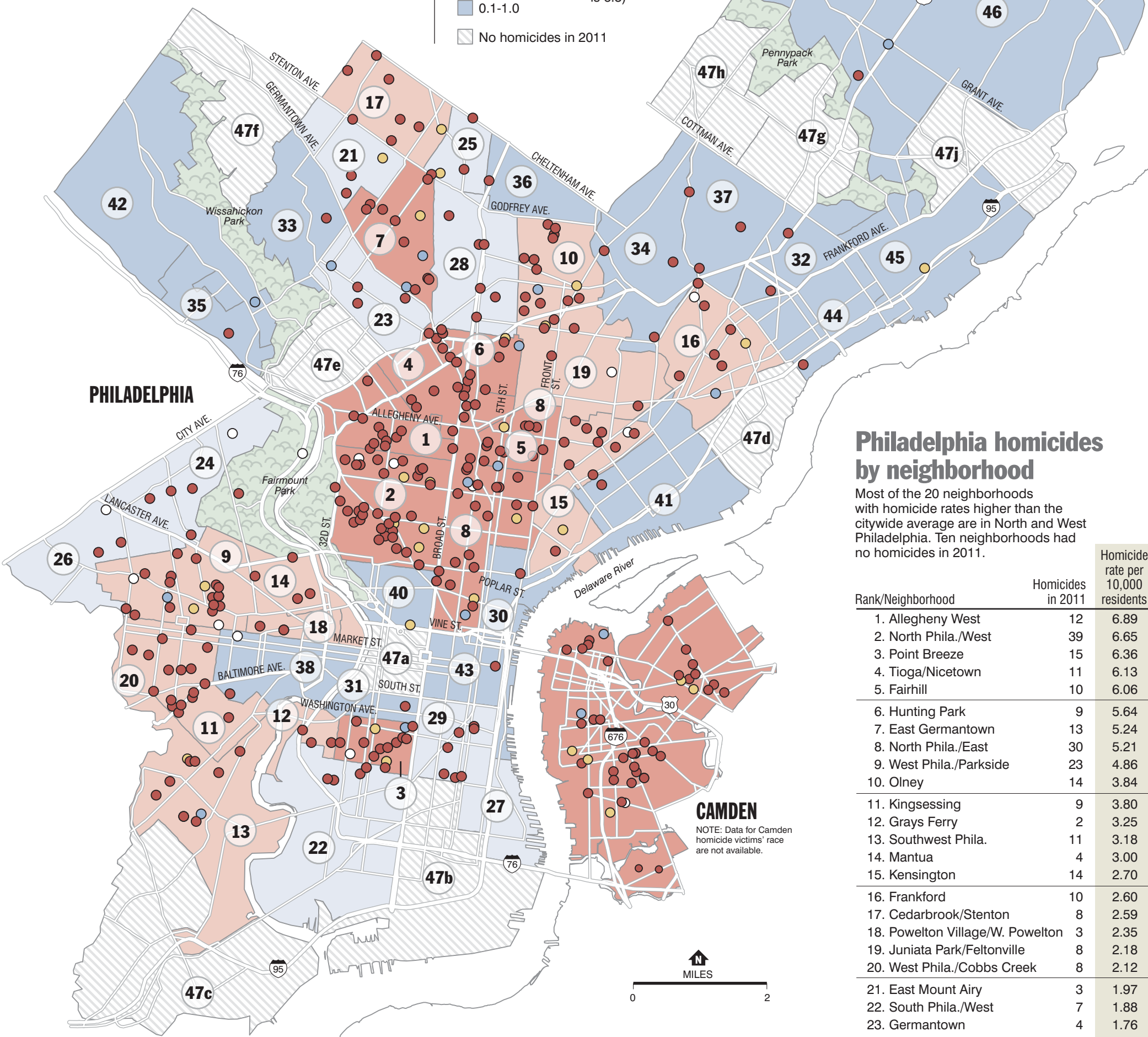
Philadelphia / Camden

- Firearm (266 / 40)
- Knife (25 / 5)
- Hands/feet (14 / 3)
- Other (13 / 1)

Homicides per 10,000 residents by neighborhood

- 5.1 to 6.9
- 2.2 to 5.0
- 1.1 to 2.1
- 0.1-1.0
- No homicides in 2011

Philadelphia's citywide rate is 2.1 (Camden's is 6.3)



Philadelphia homicides by neighborhood

Most of the 20 neighborhoods with homicide rates higher than the citywide average are in North and West Philadelphia. Ten neighborhoods had no homicides in 2011.

Rank/Neighborhood	Homicides in 2011	Homicide rate per 10,000 residents
1. Allegheny West	12	6.89
2. North Phila./West	39	6.65
3. Point Breeze	15	6.36
4. Tioga/Nicetown	11	6.13
5. Fairhill	10	6.06
6. Hunting Park	9	5.64
7. East Germantown	13	5.24
8. North Phila./East	30	5.21
9. West Phila./Parkside	23	4.86
10. Olney	14	3.84
11. Kingessing	9	3.80
12. Grays Ferry	2	3.25
13. Southwest Phila.	11	3.18
14. Mantua	4	3.00
15. Kensington	14	2.70
16. Frankford	10	2.60
17. Cedarbrook/Stenton	8	2.59
18. Powelton Village/W. Powelton	3	2.35
19. Juniata Park/Feltonville	8	2.18
20. West Phila./Cobbs Creek	8	2.12
21. East Mount Airy	3	1.97
22. South Phila./West	7	1.88
23. Germantown	4	1.76
24. Wynnefield	3	1.74
25. West Oak Lane	3	1.71
26. Overbrook	5	1.55
27. Queen Village/Pennsport	4	1.53
28. Logan/Ogontz/Fern Rock	6	1.38
29. Bella Vista/Southwark	3	1.10
30. Northern Liberties/Fishtown	1	0.94
31. Schuylkill/SW Center City	1	0.86
32. Mayfair	2	0.80
33. West Mount Airy	1	0.79
34. Lawncrest	3	0.78
35. Manayunk	1	0.64
36. Oak Lane/East Oak Lane	1	0.63
37. Oxford Circle/Castor	3	0.57
38. University City	2	0.51
39. Bustleton	2	0.48
40. Fairmount/Spring Garden	1	0.44
41. Port Richmond	1	0.44
42. Roxborough	1	0.39
43. Center City/East	1	0.34
44. Tacony/Wissinoming	1	0.31
45. Holmesburg	1	0.29
46. Northeast Phila.	1	0.18
47a. Center City/West	0	0.00
47b. South Phila./East	0	0.00
47c. Eastwick	0	0.00
47d. Bridesburg	0	0.00
47e. East Falls	0	0.00
47f. Chestnut Hill	0	0.00
47g. Rhawnhurst	0	0.00
47h. Fox Chase/Burholme	0	0.00
47i. Somerton	0	0.00
47j. Torresdale	0	0.00

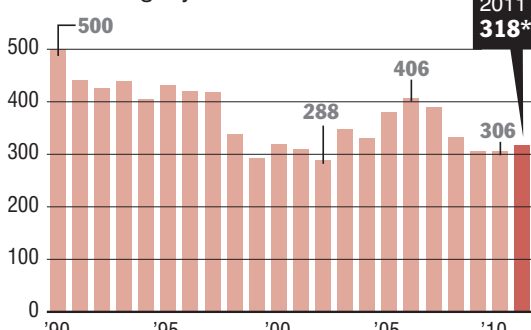
Phila. homicides by race, gender, and age

Young black men, although only 4 percent of the city's population, made up almost half of the homicide victims in 2011. Philadelphia Police do not account for Hispanic origin when determining a victim's race — White, Black or Asian are the only choices recorded.

Race	Age Group	Count	Pct. of pop.	Pct. of victims
White	0-17 years	4	3.2%	1.3%
	18-29 years	12	5.0	3.8
	30 and older	18	11.8	5.7
Black	0-17 years	8	6.0	2.5
	18-29 years	153	3.7	48.1
	30 and older	85	9.9	26.7
Asian	0-17 years	1	0.6	0.3
	18-29 years	1	0.9	0.3
	30 and older	1	1.5	0.3

Phila. homicides by year

After declining between 2006 and 2009, the number of homicides ticked upward for the second straight year.



* Figures do not include the eight deaths from the Jan. 19, 2011, grand jury indictment charging abortion doctor Kermit Gosnell with murder. The Police Department adds these deaths to the 2011 total, even though they occurred in previous years, because the FBI requires homicides to be counted in the year in which they become known to the police.

Camden homicides by year

Camden homicides have also risen for the last two years.

